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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NATIONAL DR. MAURICIO LOPEZ

REF: A) SANTIAGO 6320, B) B.A. 0458, C) STATE 14740

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL  
INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSWOMAN PATRICIA SCHROEDER CONCERNING  
DR. MAURICIO LOPEZ AND HIS DISAPPEARANCE ON JANUARY 1,  
1977.

2. MRS. SCHROEDER URGES AMBASSADOR TODMAN TO QUOTE  
EXPRESS OUR GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF DR.  
LOPEZ, TO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT HIS PRESENT STATUS, AND  
TO REQUEST HIS SPEEDY RELEASE END QUOTE. ACCORDING TO  
MRS. SCHROEDER QUOTE DR. LOPEZ WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS  
HOME IN MENDOZA ON JANUARY 1, 1977 BY FIVE MASKED MEN.  
HOWEVER, HOPE CONCERNING HIS WELL BEING WAS REKINDLED  
WHEN HIS FAMILY ON JANUARY 7 RECEIVED HAND WRITTEN LETTERS  
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WHICH INDICATED THAT HE WAS WELL AND WAS RECEIVING GOOD  
TREATMENT. END QUOTE.

3. ATTACHED TO THE CONGRESSWOMAN'S LETTER WAS A COPY  
OF A LETTER CONCERNING DR. LOPEZ WHICH WAS SENT TO  
PRESIDENT VIDELA ON FEBRUARY 11 SIGNED BY 30 CONGRESSMEN  
AND THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR PUERTO RICO. NO

INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THAT INQUIRY  
NOR FROM OTHERS SENT TO THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN  
WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT REF. (A) FROM SANTIAGO  
REQUESTED BUENOS AIRES COMMENTS ON POSSIBILITY OF  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN RAISING CASE OF CHILEAN  
CITIZENS JACOBO STOULMAN BORTNIK AND WIFE, MATILDA TESSA  
MOISE, WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD BY ARGENTINE ARMY  
UNIT INVESTIGATING GRAIVER CASE.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO BRING THIS MESSAGE TO  
ATTENTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN.

6. ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON DR. LOPEZ WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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